

disaster assistance to many who desperately need it.

While I strongly support providing immediate federal support to those affected by the recent natural disasters, I'm dismayed and disappointed that the GOP leadership would pay for it at the expense of the successful Advanced Technology Vehicles Manufacturing (ATVM) Loan Program.

The ATVM program, created and funded with bipartisan support and signed into law by President George W. Bush, has created or saved 41,000 jobs from California to Michigan to Kentucky. The program is on-track to create another 35,000 to 40,000 by year's end.

There is no question that this program has and can continue to help ensure that our nation has a robust domestic auto manufacturing industry to build the next generation of fuel efficient cars.

Cutting funding for this program is short-sighted and will hurt our nation's rise as a global leader in advance vehicle technology and strip away good-paying jobs that Americans are so in need of. The \$1.5 billion cut to the program will likely cost 10,000 jobs.

House Republicans are pitting two great needs against each other—the need to create jobs and the need to support those harmed by natural disasters. Unfortunately, we are harming our entire nation by putting these two important goals in conflict with one another.

It is for these reasons that I must urge my colleagues to vote against the GOP Fiscal Year 2012 Continuing Resolution.

#### OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

**HON. MIKE COFFMAN**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, today our national debt is \$14,790,340,328,557.15.

On January 6, 2009, the start of the 111th Congress, the national debt was \$10,638,425,746,293.80.

This means the national debt has increased by \$4,151,914,582,263.35 since then. This debt and its interest payments we are passing to our children and all future Americans.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF CLEVELAND

**HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, a group of business, professional and community leaders who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build good will and peace in the world.

Rotary International was founded in 1905 and today there are more than 34,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide with 1.2 million members in over 200 countries. Each chapter is dedicated to supporting education and job training, pro-

viding clean water, combating hunger, improving health and sanitation, and eradicating polio and other childhood diseases.

The Rotary Club of Cleveland was founded in 1910 and was the 18th chartered Rotary Club in the United States. The motto for Cleveland's Rotary Club is "Service Above Self." The Rotary Club of Cleveland has a number of ongoing programs and projects that aid communities in the Greater Cleveland area and abroad.

Internationally, the Rotary Club of Cleveland has been involved in humanitarian projects in Laos, Mexico, Pakistan, Uganda, Lithuania, Indonesia, India and Kenya. Additionally, every charter of Rotary International is involved in the PolioPlus program. PolioPlus focuses on global immunization in hopes of eradicating the world of polio.

The Rotary Club of Cleveland is dedicated to serving the Greater Cleveland area and has a number of programs designed to improve, support and recognize excellence within the community. Cleveland's Rotary Club has maintained the West 25th Street Rapid Station, which services Cleveland's West Market, for more than 35 years. For more than 40 years the Club has been awarding area police, fire and EMS heroes with the Medal of Valor. The Cleveland Rotary Club's largest impact programs are those dedicated to Greater Cleveland's youth. Their program, College Now!, has provided scholarship support for hundreds of students throughout the area. Other successful projects include Achievement Centers for Children, Thesmacher High School Recognition Day, Project YESS, and support of the Old Stone Education Center.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in recognition of the Rotary Club of Cleveland as they celebrate 100 years of service to the Cleveland community.

#### HONORING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF LEADINGAGE

**HON. BARBARA LEE**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Ms. LEE of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor LeadingAge as it celebrates 50 years of advancing policies, practices and research that empower people to live fully as they age. Founded in 1961, and formerly known as the American Association of Homes and Services (AAHSA), LeadingAge currently comprises a vast network of 5,600 not-for-profit organizations dedicated to expanding the world of possibilities for aging.

LeadingAge members touch the lives of millions of individuals and families each day through a continuum of housing and community based services, including adult day services, home health, hospice, community services, senior housing, assisted living residences, continuing care retirement communities and nursing homes. With five decades of experience, over 40 state partners, as well as businesses, research partners, consumer organizations, foundations and a broad international network of aging service organizations, LeadingAge's mission and core values have taken on a global scope.

Furthermore, I would like to recognize the outgoing chair of LeadingAge and an out-

standing leader in the field of aging and long-term services, Mr. Winthrop Marshall. Under Mr. Marshall's leadership, LeadingAge completed the transition to its new moniker, and reinvigorated its mission to expand the possibilities for aging. "LeadingAge" truly reflects the organization's leadership position in aging and its members' commitment to championing quality and dignity for America's elders. Known for his decades-long advocacy for affordable senior housing, Mr. Marshall is committed to combining housing with supportive services that help seniors remain independent and in their communities. From leading the association's fight to pass the Affordable Care Act and CLASS Act, to the passage of the landmark Section 202 Supportive Housing for the Elderly Act, Mr. Marshall's tenure as Chair has been marked by strength, solidarity and success.

Mr. Marshall has overseen LeadingAge member task forces on workforce, affordable housing, nursing home quality, home- and community-based services, and issues specific to rural members. Additionally, he spent nearly 30 years with an invaluable organization located in my district, Christian Church Homes of Northern California, which also celebrates its 50th anniversary this year.

Therefore, as we recognize LeadingAge's long legacy and its excellent leadership under Mr. Winthrop Marshall, we look forward to a bright future of affordable long-term services and support for our Nation's older adults. As LeadingAge forges ahead with its five main tenets of aging services: quality, transitions, talent, finance, and technology, I have every confidence that they will fulfill their commitment to ensure that all seniors have a place to call home.

On behalf of California's 9th Congressional District, I want to extend my congratulations on this important milestone. Thank you, LeadingAge members, for all that you do. I wish you continued success in providing our older adults with vital services and opportunities as you advance leadership in aging through innovation.

#### HONORING MARK ALLEE

**HON. JEFF DENHAM**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, October 3, 2011*

Mr. DENHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and honor the bravery and selfless action demonstrated by California Conservation Corps trail camp supervisor Mark Allee.

On the morning of June 29, 2011, Mark Allee, a California Conservation Corps trail camp supervisor, patrolled from the O'Shaughnessy Dam to the Wapama Falls Bridge along the Hetch Hetchy reservoir in order to assess the trail conditions after an unseasonal storm dumped over two inches of rain in 14 hours. Wapama Falls is arguably the most powerful waterfall in Yosemite National Park and flows almost year-round. During peak flows, it has been known to inundate the trail bridge crossing it.

On the day Mr. Allee arrived at the Wapama Falls Bridge, he saw nature's unbridled power in full display. Falling over 1,000 feet, the waterfall created a venturi effect which generated